

Leadership Seminar Presentation

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Certification and Testing

Status

- Staffing
 - Fire and EMS crosstraining
- Processes
 - Streamlining
 - Simplifying all skills check sheets
 - Posting skills sheets on web, reduce mailing
- Challenges
 - Late applications
 - Missing documents, signatures
 - One can hold up the whole class
 - Application errors
 - Missing prerequisites
 - Volume, Increase

Course and Test Application

- Deadlines
 - Course application, asking at least 30 days
 - Test application
 - Board Rules require 15 day
 - Enforcement
 - Completed test return
 - Bd Rules 3 days, changing to 7

How Instructors Can Help

- Adhereing to submission deadlines
- Realistic expectations to students
 - 4-6 weeks turn around on certifications
 - Prioritizing Mandatory and FF 1/2
- Discourage phone calls too soon
- Point students to web site
 - Will see here before getting mail
- Study the Board rules
 - Processes
 - Prerequisites
- Get involved
 - Attend District Fire Training Committee meetings
 - Help carry the load
 - Attend Fire Board meetings
 - Help with validation committees
- Help curtail rumors
 - Contact us for the "rest of the story"

Initiatives

Consolidated Database

- Fire, EMS, EMA, LE, etc.

On line Course and Test Applications

- Optional for a period, then required
- Email response to verify the registration
- Course number auto generated in email

Test Validation

- On going process
- Tech Rescue nearing total completion
- Need validation committee members
 - Interested?
 - Contact Mary Steinhilber, Test Manager
 - ssteinhilber@dhs.in.gov

Indiana Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics

- New test
- New reference Brady's, Jimmy Smith
 - Replaces old NFA courses
- Watch for announcement with start date

Noteworthy Board Rule Changes (Not yet ratified)

- Requires for certification course a certified instructor
- Requires instructor to be certified in what they are teaching
 - Exceptions in Mandatory and FF 1/2
 - Not effective until 12 months after formal adoption
- Deleting about 20 unused certifications
- Expanding some certifications available to non-fire personnel, especially Tech Rescue

Computer Based Testing

- Partnership w/Ivy Tech
- EMT-B, EMT-A, PI
- 15 dollars per test
- Fire Testing
 - Studying feasibility
 - Discussing budget impact